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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JULY 13, 2001

APPLICATION OF

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

d/b/a AMERICAN ELECTRIC

POWER-VIRGINIA

CASE NO. PUE010011

For approval of a Functional
Separation Plan under the
Virginia Electric Utility
Restructuring Act

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION

By Order entered April 11, 2001, the State Corporation Commission (“Commission”) required notice and established a hearing in the above-captioned proceeding. Among other things, the Commission directed its Staff to convene a pre-hearing conference of the parties on or before July 13, 2001, for the purpose of exploring the possibilities of narrowing the issues for hearing through settlement or stipulation.

On July 3, 2001, Staff filed a motion requesting that the Staff be permitted to reschedule the initial prehearing conference until a date on or before August 31, 2001. Staff stated that it has been advised by Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power-Virginia (“AEP-VA” or “Company”) that the Company’s parent company, American Electric Power Company (“AEP”), will soon make a filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) that will affect this proceeding. Specifically, AEP-VA represented that its parent company will be proposing substantial changes to the wholesale power supply agreement that historically has governed its relations with its sister companies. Staff stated that in light of the

changes contemplated by the FERC filing, any discussion that might precede the anticipated changes would likely be rendered moot. Staff requested that it be permitted to reschedule the initial prehearing conference to on or before August 31, 2001, at the parties' convenience.

Upon consideration of the above, we find that Staff's Motion should be granted. Given the circumstances described in Staff's Motion, we agree that it is appropriate that the pre-conference hearing be postponed until after AEP files its application to revise its wholesale power supply agreement. ACCORDINGLY,

IT IS ORDERED that Staff's request to reschedule the pre-conference hearing in this case be granted.